

TRIBUTE TO DR. GARY JEFFERS

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 8, 2011*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Dr. Gary Jeffers as he concludes his term of service as President of the Michigan Dental Association.

After receiving an Artium Baccalaureatus degree from Malone College in 1969, Gary Jeffers went on, in 1971, to earn a Master of Science degree in Physiology and Pharmacology at Ohio University. He earned a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree at the University of Pittsburgh in 1975. Dr. Jeffers pursued graduate training at the United States Navy Regional Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia, the Veterans' Administration Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia and at Emory University.

Dr. Gary Jeffers was a member of the United States Navy Dental Corps from 1972 until 1979. He was employed as a Resident Instructor at Emory University and then as a Clinical Instructor at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Jeffers built a private practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in North Canton, Ohio before joining the staff of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry in July 1985 where he continues to be a Tenured Associate Professor.

Prior to being elected as President of the Michigan Dental Association, Dr. Jeffers served on the MDA Board of Trustees as the trustee of the 18th district before serving as MDA president-elect and as vice president. Having completed his term as President, he will continue to serve the MDA Board as past president.

Dr. Jeffers' extensive involvement with the MDA and organized dentistry is evident in the numerous committees and task forces on which he has served. These include the Reference Committee on Membership, Bylaws and Dental Practice; Board Committee on Finance, Board Planning Work Group for Strategic Planning, and the Washington Visitation team. In addition, Dr. Jeffers chaired the Committee on Governmental Affairs; MDA Insurance & Financial Group Endorsed Services Committee; and the MDA/MDAA and the MDA/MDHA task forces. He is also a past president of the Detroit District Dental Society and has served the American Dental Association in various capacities.

Dr. Jeffers' work outside the MDA bears acknowledgement. He is a licensing examiner for the North East Regional Board and spent four years serving on the Michigan Board of Dentistry. He also served as assistant to the Dean of Legislative Affairs at UDM and instigated the dental school's legislative activity on both the state and national level. During his tenure at UDM, Dr. Jeffers spearheaded a proposal resulting in an important \$2 million HUD construction grant that was used to help relocate the dental school to its current facility.

Mr. Speaker, as Dr. Gary Jeffers concludes his term as President of the MDA I am reminded of the words he spoke to first year dental students. These words bear remembering; "Ethics is not something that is easily taught or learned. It comes from within your heart and your soul." Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Gary Jeffers

and in recognizing his years of loyal service to our community and country.

**RECOGNITION OF MR. JOEL ALLISON**

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 8, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, February 17, 2011 marks the 9th Annual Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award luncheon. On this day, the award will be bestowed upon a dedicated leader in the Dallas community, Mr. Joel Allison. Mr. Allison will be presented the award by Dr. Ann Stuart, Chancellor and President of Texas Woman's University and the Bank of Texas.

In 2002, the award was established in honor of notable Dallasite Virginia Chandler Dykes, a health care provider committed to professional and civic achievements in her public service through helping others. Past award recipients include: Kathleen Mason, 2010; Caroline Rose Hunt, 2009; T. Boone Pickens, 2008; Lindalyn Adams, 2007; Dr. and Mrs. Kern Wildenthal, 2006; Gretchen Minary Williams and J.L. "Sonny" Williams, 2005; Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, 2004; and Susan and Charles Cooper, 2003.

Mr. Allison has been with Baylor Health Care System (BHCS) since 1993 and was promoted from Chief Operating Officer to Chief Executive Officer in 2000. Under his visionary leadership, Baylor remains as a trusted health care system where patients can go to receive safe, compassionate, quality health care. BHCS has been ranked by US News as one of the best hospitals in the country for their care and treatment of kidney disorders, gastroenterology, and their rehabilitation services.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Allison for stellar leadership in the delivery of health care. Both he and Mrs. Dykes are a testament to the types of role models who inspire us to give our best in all that we do.

**HONORING RAFAEL "RAY" TALIAFERRO**

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 8, 2011*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary journalistic contributions of veteran KGO-AM radio journalist Rafael "Ray" Taliaferro as he is inducted into the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Hall of Fame.

Renowned for his San Francisco Bay Area 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. broadcast called, "The Early Show," Ray Taliaferro has been a progressive voice in lively, late-night discussions of political, cultural and current events for the past 25 years. Moreover, Mr. Taliaferro's entire broadcasting career spans four decades, and he is recognized as the first African-American talk show host on a major market radio station in our nation's history.

Born February 7, 1939, Mr. Taliaferro grew up in the Hunters Point district of San Francisco.

After getting his start in talk radio in 1967 at San Francisco's KNEW-AM, Mr. Taliaferro began a career in television—commuting daily to Burbank, California to host on KHJ-TV. Before long, he was hired as a news anchor for San Francisco's KRON-TV station, and in 1977, he joined the team at KGO Radio.

Throughout his trailblazing career, Mr. Taliaferro has been a fearless leader and a bold advocate for numerous causes. He was president of the San Francisco chapter of the NAACP from 1968 to 1971, helped found the National Association of Black Journalists in 1975, and was honored by the San Francisco Black Chamber of Commerce in 1994 with the Black Chamber Life Award. Additionally, due to his tremendous efforts to help raise money for leukemia research, Mr. Taliaferro was named board president of the Northern California Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America from 1995 to 2000.

Among his many achievements, Mr. Taliaferro has fostered a tremendous involvement in the arts. He led the San Francisco Art Commission for 16 years, was the Mayor's Commissioner of the War Memorial Trustee Board from 1992 to 2000, and served as president of the Frederick Douglass Symposium. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Governors of The Commonwealth Club of California. And, in addition to his talents as an orator, Mr. Taliaferro is an accomplished musician who conducted the "Ray Tal Chorale" and served as the music director of Third Baptist Church.

In September of 2010, Mr. Taliaferro was a recipient of another Hall of Fame honor through the Newseum in Washington DC, and in July of that year, the National Association of Black Journalists named "The Ray Taliaferro Entrepreneurial Award of Excellence" in his honor. A life-long Democrat, and one of the premier liberal talk show hosts in America, Ray Taliaferro has long encouraged civic engagement through astute political commentary. Furthermore, his strength of opinion and journalistic passion continue to be a catalyst for community dialogue and healthy debate.

As we join in celebration of Mr. Taliaferro and his fellow 2011 NABJ Hall of Fame inductees, Ed Bradley, Eugene Robinson, Merri Dee and JC Hayward, we are reminded of the invaluable service that America's journalistic community provides. What's more, we celebrate the countless contributions that journalists of color continue to make in the dissemination of news, the diversity of our media, and the history of our country. On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, Rafael "Ray" Taliaferro, we salute you. Thank you for your continued service to the Bay Area community and to our great nation.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON THE BUDGET REGARDING  
INTERIM BUDGET ALLOCATION  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 FOR THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 8, 2011*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Section 3 of House Resolution 5 and

House Resolution 38, I submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the allocation for fiscal year 2011 to the Committee on Appropriations.

This interim allocation will be used to enforce sections 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Section 302(f) prohibits the consideration of legislation inconsistent with the budgetary levels set forth in the budget resolution and the accompanying report.

For the Committee on Appropriations, the allocation for fiscal year 2011 is set at \$1,055 billion in discretionary budget authority.

This submission also includes language related to Advance Appropriations as required by House Resolution 5.

If there are any questions on this interim allocation, please contact Paul Restuccia, Chief Counsel of the Budget Committee.

ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO HOUSE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
(In millions of dollars)

		Fiscal year 2011
Discretionary Action .....	BA .....	1,054,684
	OT .....	1,283,861
Current Law Mandatory .....	BA .....	765,584
	OT .....	755,502

ACCOUNTS IDENTIFIED FOR ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS

Section 3(e) of House Resolution 5 limits the amount and type of advance appropriations for fiscal years 2012 and 2013. Under this section, advance appropriations for fiscal year 2012 are restricted to \$28.852 billion for the programs, projects, activities, or accounts listed below. Advances for 2013 are listed separately with the same cap of \$28,852,000,000. Additional accounts are listed below for certain veterans programs which are also specified in House Resolution 5. The section defines advance appropriations as any new discretionary budget authority provided in a bill or joint resolution making general or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011 that first becomes available for any fiscal year after 2011.

Advance Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2012: Employment and Training Administration; Office of Job Corps; Education for the Disadvantaged; School Improvement Programs; Special Education; Career, Technical and Adult Education; Payment to Postal Service; Tenant-based Rental Assistance; Project-based Rental Assistance.

Advance Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013: The Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Other Allowable Accounts Receiving Advance Appropriations: Department of Veterans Affairs for the Medical Services; Medical Support and Compliance; Medical Facilities Accounts of the Veterans Health Administration.

LESSONS RONALD REAGAN  
TAUGHT US

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 8, 2011*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, liberals loathed him. Conservatives idolized him. The middle overwhelmingly loved him. He charmed America. His knack to connect was unmistakable. And although many have tried to rep-

licate his charisma and appeal, no one has ever come close to being Ronald Reagan.

He made us laugh when we didn't think we could, or should. He always had a way to comfort us in the midst of tragedy. He could disarm the press with a one-liner; and get a chuckle from even his fiercest opponents.

The first time I saw Ronald Reagan was at the 1968 Republican Convention in Miami Beach. Much to the dismay of my dyed-in-the-wool Democrat grandmother, I was there as a proud Texas College Republican delegate.

He lost the nomination to Nixon, but I was sold on Reagan from that moment on.

Of course, I instantly like him for his automobile of choice—a jeep. I drove the same kind and still do. He appealed to me and other renegade conservatives my age, particularly those of us in the yellow-dog South, because we were a herd without a shepherd. Back then, it was taboo to be a Republican in Texas. But then, along came Reagan. We were Reagan Republicans.

Reagan cut the class warfare. He transformed the “country-club GOP” image, and brought conservatism out of the shadows. It was cool to be a conservative. He represented what Americans wanted—Democrats and Republicans alike. He wasn't the Grand Old Party leader; he was the people's president.

Reagan's tenure in the White House saw some of the most historic events in our country and the world. His line, “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall,” will probably resonate for time immemorial.

Although criticized by his foes for being a Hollywood actor, Reagan masterfully engineered a feat that so-called political experts had little confidence could be accomplished—the end of the Cold War.

Within minutes of his swearing in, news broke in one of the most widely followed situations of that time. President Reagan announced the Iran hostage crisis was over. The Americans were coming home. Make no mistake—the significance of his election was an intimidating and influential factor in their release.

When the entire country was devastated by the Challenger tragedy, Reagan addressed a grieving nation by giving one of his most memorable and touching speeches. His ability to heal the brokenhearted was more than an admired political attribute. He never talked above the people—always to the people. It was what made him one of us.

And of course, there is his most beloved legacy. He single handedly made the jelly bean a national treasure.

Reagan never took himself too seriously. Even when his own life was on the line, the leader of the free world was cracking jokes. On his way into emergency surgery after the 1981 assassination attempt, he looked up at the surgeons and said, “I hope you are all Republicans.”

While he was a one-of-a-kind politician—the Everyman of our time. He was a “pull yourself up by the boot straps” kind of guy.

From union halls to country clubs, everyone felt like Reagan was one of them. Being an American meant something to him. He was unabashedly unapologetic for our country's success.

He was the great defender of capitalism. Reaganomics was hailed ingenious by the supply-side, pro-growth economists and harshly criticized as “voodoo” by the big government crowd.

Reagan proved that lower taxes and leaner government stimulates growth, spurs private enterprise, inspires harder work and enables more savings and investment.

The American people got it then, and they want it back now.

As we celebrated the 100th birthday of President Reagan this Sunday (or the 61st anniversary of his 39th birthday; he never missed a chance to poke fun at his own age), we should learn from The Great Communicator.

Americans want to be talked to again, not pushed aside by a government that talks above them. In Reagan's inaugural address he said, “It is time to check and reverse the growth of government which shows signs of having grown beyond the consent of the governed.”

The Gipper was right then, and he is right now. Happy birthday, Mr. President.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING DR. JANET L.  
HOLMGREN

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 8, 2011*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Dr. Janet L. Holmgren as she retires from over 20 years of transformative leadership as the president of my alma mater, Mills College, in Oakland, California. I can say with gratitude and admiration that, during her tenure, President Holmgren has propelled Mills into one of the most respected and successful liberal arts colleges in the United States.

In addition to increasing enrollment while simultaneously elevating the academic profile of the College, President Holmgren has created a national model for women's education and increased educational opportunities for a diverse pool of talented women and men. Known for her thoughtful, strategic, creative and collaborative leadership ability, President Holmgren has been a staunch advocate for expanding educational access and student diversity. As one of the leading women's colleges in the country with an impressive roster of innovative coed graduate programs, Mills is also considered one of the nation's most diverse selective liberal arts colleges.

Reflecting the renowned multiculturalism of the surrounding Oakland area and the entire 9th Congressional District, the Mills College undergraduate student population comprises 39 percent students of color, and is instructed by a teaching community that is 25 percent faculty of color (A large jump compared to 21 percent students of color and 5 percent faculty of color in 1991). President Holmgren has also been a highly effective fundraiser, enabling Mills to grow its endowment to \$175 million. The College's most recent capital campaign, ending in 2004, exceeded its \$100 million goal by \$32 million. And in the 2008–2009 fiscal year, Mills raised over \$18 million in crucial funding.

In the past decade alone, President Holmgren's funding initiatives have resulted in over \$100 million of capital improvements, including facilities to house the School of Education (offering Mills' first doctoral degree) and